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## LENGTHENING LOSS

the little girl went beyond  
the normal range of things  
as she lifted herself high  
on the swing, letting the  
watery neons in her eyes  
widen & mix with the moon  
& porch lights that looked  
as if they were burning  
inside cradles.  
everything moved fast &  
time was a cruel eruption  
in her head, for she already  
knew that the crime of death  
had cut a large lot & covered  
the sloping asphalt with  
pieces of a dark hole from  
the wide space above her  
fierce pendulum-like  
frenzied motion.